

REVENUE AND HOME SECRETARIAT

Reviews the Administration Report of the Excise Department for 1951-52.

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Correspondence ending with letter No. B.3-583—52-53, dated the 15th September 1952, from the Excise Commissioner, forwarding the Annual Report on the administration of the Excise Department for the year 1951-52, together with the Statistical Statements.

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Recorded.

2. In conformity with the policy of Government, Prohibition was extended to Belur and Saklespur Taluks of Hassan District from the 1st July 1951, and the enforcement of Prohibition in Ramanagaram and Channapatna Taluks of Bangalore District was transferred to the Police Department on the same date.

3. *Country Spirits.*—The Mysore Sugar Co., Ltd., Bangalore, continued to be the licensed manufacturers of liquors, required by the State. The rate of molasses arrack, packing charges and the transport charges payable to the Company were increased. The rate of duty on arrack was enhanced from Rs. 7-8-0 to Rs. 9-0-0 per gallon with effect from the 1st July 1951.

The number of shops licensed for the retail vend of molasses arrack was 105 (121) while that for the sale of bottled liquors was 9 (11).

The consumption of arrack of 35° U.P. was 3,13,713 gallons (3,27,662) while that of special liquors supplied in bottles was 15,503 gallons (18,632).

4. *Rectified and Denatured Spirits.*—The number of licenses issued to chemists, druggists, charitable institutions, industrial concerns, etc., to possess and use rectified spirit was 104 (83) 1,06,375 gallons (46,562½) of rectified spirit and absolute alcohol including 47,040 gallons (11,423¾) for export, were issued from the Distillery, Mandya, during the year under review.

A total quantity of 1,83,203 gallons (58,820½ gallons) of denatured spirit, including 2,910 gallons (120) for export, was issued during the year. The reasons for the large increase in issue of both rectified and denatured spirits requires careful examination.

5. *Spirituous Medicinal and Toilet Preparations.*—The imports and exports of spirituous medicinal preparations, during the year were 837,347 proof gallons (1,118,428) and 34,561,138.16. proof gallons (27,724,051), respectively.

6. *Toddy.*—The rate of tree-tax on date and cocoanut trees was raised by one rupee per tree from the 1st July 1951.

The number of shops licensed for the sale of date and cocoanut toddy was 565 (588) while that for the sale of Bagani toddy was 6 (76). The number of trees tapped for these shops was as follows:—

Date	...	1,00,446	(1,26,047)
Cocoanut	...	51,257	(54,265)
Bagani	...	34	(164)

7. *Malt Liquors.*—The number of shops licensed exclusively for sale of country Beer remained at nine and a quantity of 1,28,823 gallons (80,568) was consumed during the year.

8. *Foreign Liquors.*—During the year 67 licenses were renewed in favour of the existing licensees. A quantity of 57,600 gallons (52,966) was consumed during the year.

9. *Hemp Drugs.*—Ganja was grown on 45 acres of land. The number of shops licensed for the sale of ganja and the quantity sold during the year were 68 (74) and 5,829 seers (5,203), respectively. The issue price of ganja was raised from Rs. 7-8-0 to Rs. 10 per seer of 80 tolas with effect from the 1st July 1951.

10. *Opium*.—The quantity of opium sold through 34 (36) licensed shops during the year was 643 seers (703—24). A progressive reduction by 11 per cent in the consumption of Excise opium was given effect to from the beginning of the year under report.

11. *Offences*.—The number of offences against Excise and Opium Acts that were reported during the year was 1,213 (1,276) inclusive of 285 (250) heinous offences. Including 227 (136) pending at the beginning of the year, the number of cases for disposal was 1,440 (1,412). Of these 1,053 (999) were disposed of by the Department and 244 (186) were sent up for trial in Courts, leaving a balance of 143 (227).

The number of cases disposed of by the Magistracy was 247 out of 273, leaving 26 pending at the end of the year.

12. *Revenue and Expenditure*.—Including the arrears of Rs. 5,17,677-14-11 (Rs. 5,28,613-6-7) outstanding at the beginning of the year, the total demand of Excise Revenue amounted to Rs. 2,29,50,864-6-11 (Rs. 2,21,38,468-0-9). Of this amount a sum of Rs. 2,20,97,538-6-9 (Rs. 2,16,20,790-1-10) was collected leaving a balance of Rs. 8,53,325-15-4 (Rs. 5,17,677-14-11). The percentage of collections to the total demand was 96·3 per cent.

As there has been a progressive increase in the amount of arrears to be collected, the Excise Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioners of Districts are requested to take prompt action to recover the heavy balance very early.

The expenditure of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 4,64,833-4-3 (Rs. 4,95,013-9-5).

13. *General*.—A Health Cess at the rate of one anna in the rupee has been levied on all items of Excise Revenue on which Education Cess is leviable, with effect from the 8th December 1951.

The work of the Department was generally satisfactory.

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FINANCIAL SECRETARIAT

**Issues Orders regarding the supply of copies of the Mysore Financial Code-Volume I.
(The revised edition of the Mysore Civil Accounts Code, Volume I.)**

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The revised edition of the Mysore Civil Account Code, Volume I (renamed as the Mysore Financial Code, Volume I) has been brought out in print, and copies thereof are available in the Government Book Depot for sale, the price per copy being Rs. 2-4-0 (Rupees two and annas four only).

The Heads of Departments are authorised to purchase the number of copies required for their offices and the offices subordinate to them from out of the Contingent grants of the Departments.

Regarding the supply of copies free of cost to Departments, instructions to the Director of Printing, Stationery and Publications, Bangalore, have been issued separately and only two copies will be supplied free of cost to each Head of the Department.

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